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Applicant : Réjean AUBÉ
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Title : DELAY COMPOSITIONS AND DETONATION DELAY
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The Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, DC 20231 U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

This is in reply to the Examiner's Action of November 26, 2002.

No amendments are being made at this time.

REMARKS

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

The Examiner rejected claims 1 – 12 (presumably claims 1 – 11, as claim 12 has been withdrawn) as unpatentable over Dufrane et al. (US 5031538), apparently in view of Taylor et al. (presumably US 3291664 as the Examiner listed two Taylor et al. references).

The Examiner stated:

Dufrane et al. discloses a delay element that comprises barium sulfate, silicon, and red lead. The binder of sodium carboxymethyl cellulose is not disclosed.

Taylor et al. discloses the use of up to 5% sodium carboxymethyl cellulose with a delay composition.

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